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## Cumberland County Libraries Join Longwood Gardens' 2020 Community Read

**Mechanicsburg, PA** – Cumberland County book and plant lovers are encouraged to participate in Longwood Gardens' 7th Community Read, a program designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to start a conversation. This year, the 2020 Community Read pushes the readers into the wacky, weird, and wild world of plants.

The first book is Sue Burke's science fiction debut novel "Semiosis." This tale of intrigue follows a group of colonists forced to land on a planet they aren't prepared for, where plants are the dominant life forms and humans are their pawns. "Semiosis" is a generation spanning sci-fi tale, told through the lens of multiple perspectives across the first 107 years of settlement.

For nonfiction fans, "Weird Plants" showcases weird, mysterious, and bizarre plants from around the globe. Through the combination of author Chris Thorogood's jarring illustrations and her botanical expertise, these fantastic plants seem to leap off the page and come to life.

For the very youngest readers, storyteller Aubrey Davis reimagines a favorite folk tale, "The Enormous Potato." This humorous tale begins with a farmer who plants a potato eye that grows into a huge potato. Harvest time comes, but the potato is so big that the farmer can't pull it out.

"Cumberland County's Public Libraries have built a strong partnership with Longwood Gardens through Community Read," said Carolyn Blatchley, library system executive director. "This year's selections are engaging and available as books, eBook and eAudio at our libraries."

Visit [www.CumberlandCountyLibraries.org](http://www.CumberlandCountyLibraries.org) for a complete list of Longwood Gardens' Community Read special programs at libraries throughout Cumberland County from March through May 2020.

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*The Cumberland County Library System consists of seven federated local libraries, one branch facility, a system headquarters office, and an associated non-profit Foundation. The Library System provides support to its member libraries through information technology, securing library materials, older adult services, training opportunities, and administrative and financial services. More information on the Cumberland County Library System can be found at [www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org](http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org).*